



Bishop's Reflection

January 2023

Blessed & Happy New Year to All!

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you and your loved ones a Happy New Year 2023! As we continue our journey through this Christmas season, we are reminded of the maternal care of Our Lady as Mother of God, and Our Mother, as we begin this New Year.

In this month of January, as we celebrate and acknowledge the Epiphany of the Lord, let us be mindful of how we as clergy, religious and laity will *manifest* the presence of Jesus in and through our lives in the new year.

Will we be willing to embrace the challenge of 2023 to be *true* missionary disciples: disciples of *life* and human *dignity*; disciples of *justice*; disciples of *peace* and *unity*.? My brothers and sisters, the grace of salvation will empower us to achieve this! We find affirmation of this in the reading of Titus 2:11-14 proclaimed at the Midnight Mass of Christmas:

“Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.”

Let us be “*eager to do what is good*” throughout this New Year 2023.
Happy New Year to all!

In the Peace of Christ,

Bishop Cotta